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Admission of Blunders in U-2 Spy Case Told

NEW YORK (UPI) — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, former President Eisenhower, has admitted that the United States blundered in originally denying the U-2 spy flights of Francis Gary Powers, Look magazine said Monday.

In an article by newsmen David Wise and Thomas B. Ross, it said that Gen. Eisenhower conceded in a filmed television interview that it was a mistake to claim that the Powers' plane was on a spy flight. But Gen. Eisenhower insisted that it had strayed off course.

Became Overconfident

The interview (CBS) was set for television May 10, 1955, but Gen. Eisenhower's admission was not taken the broadcast as the assistance of his son and aide, Col. John Eisenhower, said.

It added that Eisenhower privately conceded that his admission had become a statement about the U-2 case.

The article added

ed, provided a basis for Gen. Eisenhower's policies for years, convincing the President that the so-called bomber and missile gaps were fiction and that the Soviet space advances were not as spectacular as they seemed.

The article also said that former Central Intelligence Agency chief Allen Dulles offered to be the scapegoat and resign once the United States decided to admit the Powers' plane was on a spy flight. But Gen. Eisenhower refused to let him, it said.